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Why is prevention and wellness a core aspect of health care reform?

Preventing illness before it happens is the best way to help people stay healthy. And catching diseases early will save lives and money. In fact, a recent report shows a 5:1 return on investing in prevention and wellness.

Will preventive care be covered by Medicare?

<u>Yes.</u> Medicare will cover free annual medical checkups (no co-pays) for Medicare beneficiaries, which will prevent chronic diseases. Research shows that co-pays for mammograms and other screenings have discouraged many beneficiaries from using these important services.

How will this better prevention affect me if I live in a small town?

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HEALTH CARE REFORM

- Caps out of pocket costs
- Stops insurance companies from dropping coverage for illness
- Ends discrimination based on pre-existing conditions
- Allows Americans access to same health care as members of Congress
- Saves hundreds of billions of dollars in the long run
- Includes zero tax increases for 99 percent of Montanans
- Strengthens Medicare
- · Completely protects veterans' and military benefits

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"We're now moving forward to fix our broken health insurance system."
- SENATOR JON TESTER